

<i>Euchloe ausonia romana</i> Calberia	<i>Polygonia c-album</i> L.
or <i>Euchloe orientalis kruegeri</i>	<i>Pararge megera australis</i> Vrtz.
Pincitore Marott.	<i>Pararge aegeria</i> L.
<i>Pieris mannii todaroana</i> Pincit.	<i>Libythea celtis</i> Fuessl.
<i>Pieris brassicae</i> L.	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i> L.
<i>Pieris rapae</i> L.	<i>Lycaena phlaeas</i> L.
<i>Pieris napi meridionalis</i> Heyne.	<i>Lacaenopsis argiolus</i> L.
<i>Gonepteryx cleopatra</i> L.	<i>Glaucopsyche alexis</i> Poda.
<i>Colias crocea</i> Fourc.	<i>Cupido minimus trinacriae</i> Vrtz.
<i>Vanessa cardui</i> L.	<i>Carcharodus alceae australis</i> Zell.
<i>Vanessa atalanta</i> L.	

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## *Eriozone syrphoides* Fallén (Diptera, Syrphidae) in North Wales A new British species and genus

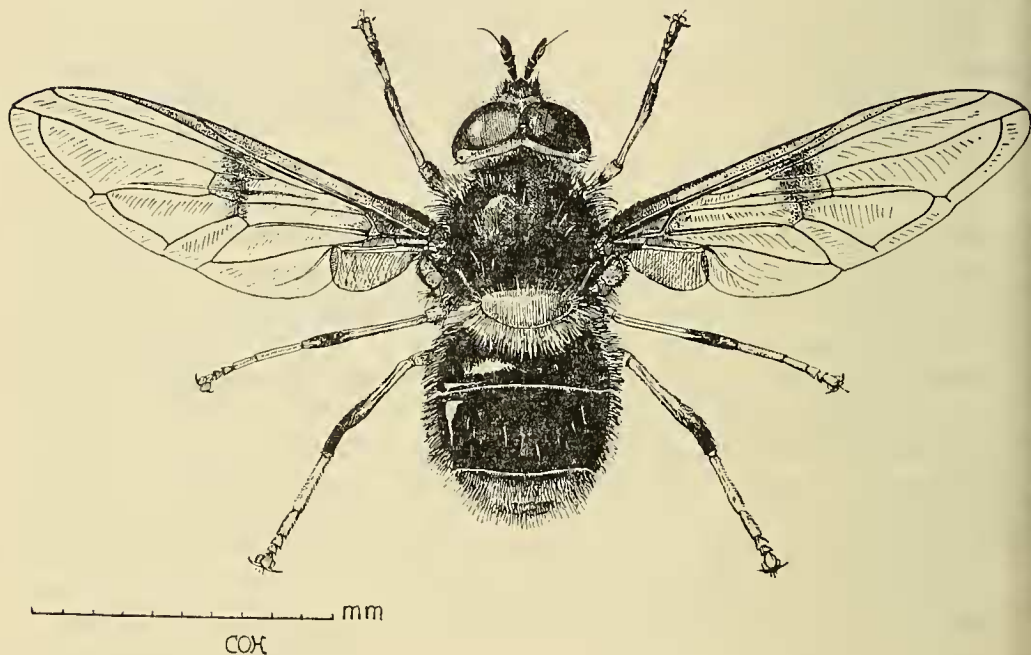
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The study of the British Diptera, which I took up three years ago and to which I am now much attached, has turned out to be most interesting, healthful and rewarding. It has opened up a new avenue of entomological thought too, which I find to be most stimulating.

Readers will have read recently of my finding our rarest Therevid fly in Windsor Forest in 1967, and in 1968 I had the great pleasure of taking on the 28th August at Llan Ffestiniog in Merioneth a large and handsome Hover fly, *Eriozone syrphoides* which, so far as I can trace, is the first record for Great Britain. The insect is a male specimen and the genus is new to these islands too. At the time I was busy looking for lepidopterous larvae and my attention was caught by this fly, which was sitting on a flower of the Devil's Bit Scabious, *Succisa pratensis* Moench, about twenty yards away. Something told me I must not miss this from the way it was sitting on the flower and fortunately I netted it in spite of my intense excitement. From the plate it will be seen that the fly is a large one and has a superficial resemblance at a distance to that handsome Syrphid *Volucella bombylans* L.

From the researches made of the known occurrence of the creature in Europe I have found that Professor Dr. Pius Sack has stated that

*syrphoides* is a mountainous species which can be found locally, not rarely, on umbelliferous plants in the limestone Alps. The area where I took the insect is essentially a slate area! Lundbeck has stated that it is somewhat rare in Denmark, where it occurs on flowers in fens and



meadows. He gives the distribution geographically as North and Mid Europe down to Austria, Hungary and in North France; towards the North to North Sweden and Finland. The life history appears to be unknown. So readers will realise how interesting my discovery is and how hopeful in time I am of discovering further new species of Diptera in Great Britain.

I often wonder now how it was in the old days when collecting Lepidoptera that I was so unaware of the presence of the Syrphidae, as these can be really sizeable as well as most beautiful creatures. May I here say that I am still just as attached to the Leps., in fact more so than ever, as my new Fly interest has made me more observant and I now get many more butterfly aberrations than I used to.

In a later article I shall be dealing with the art of collecting the Diptera in the hopes of raising more enthusiasm for this order amongst collectors. In the meantime who knows what good fortune awaits me in the glorious Merioneth countryside, so completely untapped seriously by entomologists.

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